

House Resolution No. 4746

Whereas, it is with tremendous respect and heartfelt appreciation that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in order to recognize Barbara Huffman who will sing the National Anthem during the 94th General Assembly's House Swearing In Ceremony to be held on January 5, 2005, in the House Chamber of the Missouri State Capitol in Jefferson City; and

Whereas, the National Anthem of the United States of America was written during the War of 1812; and

Whereas, in 1814, Francis Scott Key, a Baltimore lawyer, was sent on a mission to the British fleet anchored off Fort McHenry near Baltimore; and

Whereas, Francis Scott Key went to negotiate the release of an American physician held captive on one of the British ships; and

Whereas, on the night of September 13, 1814, while Francis Scott Key was on board one of the British ships, the British attacked Fort Henry; and

Whereas, at dawn the following day, Francis Scott Key saw the American flag still flying over the fort and was so moved that he wrote the words to The Star-Spangled Banner; and

Whereas, The Star-Spangled Banner was made the official national anthem by an act of Congress on March 3, 1931; and

Whereas, Barbara Huffman of Fredericktown is active in the music program at Calvary Temple, where she has enjoyed recognition as a song writer who has been recorded by southern gospel music artist; and

Whereas, a constituent of Speaker-elect Rod Jetton, Barbara Huffman sang gospel music as a child with her family, the Huffman Family:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Barbara Huffman who will take part in the House Swearing in Ceremony on January 5, 2005; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Barbara Huffman.

Offered by _____
Representative Rod Jetton
Speaker Pro Tem
District No. 156

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4746, adopted January 4, 2005.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker